PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

FIRST ASSEMBLY

NINTH SESSION.

Saturday, the 21st November 1936/7th Vrischikam 1112.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi, President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum, took the oath and signed the rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Road from Peyaud to Vellanad.

68. ✻ **MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Governmnt be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the road from Peyaud to Vellanad is completed ; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons, if any, for the delay in completing the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) For want of sanctioned estimate and funds.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know the total length of the proposed road from Peyaud to Vellanad ?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Six and a quarter miles.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether any portion of this road has been completed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether after the completion of the portion of the road the Chief Engineer has asked Government to sanction allotment for finishing the remaining portion of the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No, owing to financial stringency funds are not available. But I may inform the honourable member that the work has not been dropped.

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MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I ask whether the Government consider the amount spent on this road is a mere waste?.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government have taken steps against the officer responsible for spending some amount for the completion of the road partially and leaving it half done without any use or advantage to the public?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not agree with that. As a matter of fact, the road is being done in sections according to the availability of funds. I cannot agree with the honourable member that the money has been wasted.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): In view of the fact that money has been spent for doing a portion of the road may I ask whether Government will consider the question of the completion of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action. As I told the honourable member just now the question has not been dropped. I hoped he would have been satisfied with that answer.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know in which years the portion was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): In 1100 and 1107

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the P. W. D. has not submitted to Government any estimate for the completion of the remaining portion of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Department know that funds will not be available and therefore they did not submit an estimate.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it is not a penny-wise and pound-foolish policy to leave roads half completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know approximately the extent of road that has yet to be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): 3¾ miles.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know how Government thought before such an estimate was prepared that funds will not be available?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government thought that in proportion to the portion that has already been completed, the second portion also will cost much.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : What will be the cost approximately ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Rs. 10,000.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know the length of the incomplete road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The road is six and one-fourth miles long and about a half remains to be completed.

Kollakadavu Bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara Road.

69. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the action hitherto taken by them or the Department for the construction of the Kollakadavu Bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road ; and

(*b*) the observation made with regard to the construction of the above Bridge in the Administration Report of the P. W. D. for the year 1110 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) The member is referred to the reply to the interpellation No. 284 on page 936 of the Sri Mulam Assembly Proceedings Volume VII, No. 12 dated 20-4-1936.

(*b*) He is referred to page 31 of the P. W. D. Administration Report for 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know what action has been taken in respect of the observation made at page 31 of the P. W. D. Administration Report for 1110 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have already answered that question on a previous occasion. I said then that the design for the bridge had been prepared.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the action taken subsequent to the observation made in the Administration Report ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We are awaiting instructions from Government with regard to certain proposals made to Government.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from Government the amount required for the construction of the bridge at Kollakadavu ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No estimate has been prepared.

The Puliyur-Mannar Road.

70. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Assistant Engineer, Mavelikara, has submitted any scheme or report to the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Quilon, for the improvement of the Puliyur-Mannar Road ;

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